

appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day. I further encourage all Americans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes and businesses on that day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

George W. Bush

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 8:58 a.m., May 17, 2005]

NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on May 18.

Proclamation 7902—National Defense Transportation Day and National Transportation Week, 2005
May 13, 2005

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

We rely on the men and women of our transportation industry to ensure efficient, secure, and reliable travel for our citizens and to keep our economy growing. On National Defense Transportation Day and during National Transportation Week, we recognize those who maintain and support our transportation system.

Our transportation system is vital to our national security. It is used to deploy troops around the world and to deliver crucial equipment and supplies in the field. Each day Americans also rely on our transportation system to reach their travel destinations and to transport billions of tons of freight across our country. My Administration has taken important steps to protect our Nation's bridges, tunnels, highways, waterways, rail lines, pipelines, and airports to help keep our citizens safe and our economy running smoothly.

Transportation professionals keep our country moving and support our citizens as they conduct business, tour our great Nation, and reunite with family and friends. The strong work ethic and professionalism of transportation employees help increase efficiency and production across our Nation and advance American prosperity. Their efforts reflect the values that make our country strong and help ensure that our transportation infrastructure will continue to benefit Americans for generations to come.

To recognize the men and women who work in the transportation industry and who contribute to our Nation's well-being and defense, the Congress, by joint resolution approved May 16, 1957, as amended (36 U.S.C. 120), has designated the third Friday in May each year as "National Defense Transportation Day," and, by joint resolution approved May 14, 1962, as amended (36 U.S.C. 133), declared that the week during which that Friday falls be designated as "National Transportation Week."

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 20, 2005, as National Defense Transportation Day and May 15 through May 21, 2005, as National Transportation Week. I encourage all Americans to learn how our modern transportation system contributes to the security of our citizens and the prosperity of our country and to celebrate these observances with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

George W. Bush

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 8:58 a.m., May 17, 2005]

NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on May 18.

Memorandum on Assignment of Function To Submit a Report to the Congress

May 13, 2005

Memorandum for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Subject: Assignment of Function to Submit a Report to the Congress

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President of providing to the Congress a report under section 9012 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-287) is assigned to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this memorandum.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 7

In the morning, at the Radisson SAS Daugava Hotel in Riga, Latvia, the President had an intelligence briefing. He and Mrs. Bush then participated in a greeting with U.S. Embassy personnel. They then went to Riga Castle, where they participated in an arrival ceremony with President Vaira Vike-Freiberga of Latvia and her husband, Imants Freibergs. Later, in the Gold Room at Riga Castle, the President met with President Vike-Freiberga and Prime Minister Aigars Kalvitis of Latvia.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by President Vike-

Freiberga and her husband, Imants Freibergs, went to Freedom Memorial Park, where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Freedom Monument.

In the afternoon, in the White Hall at the Riga Latvian Society House, the President and President Vike-Freiberga participated in a roundtable discussion with civil society leaders.

Later in the afternoon, in the Ligo Room at the Riga Latvian Society House, the President had a lunch meeting with President Vike-Freiberga, President Arnold Ruutel of Estonia, and President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Maastricht, the Netherlands, where, upon arrival at the Maastricht Aachen Airport, they participated in a greeting with U.S. Embassy personnel. They then traveled to the Chateau St. Gerlach in Valkenburg, the Netherlands.

May 8

In the morning, at the Chateau St. Gerlach, the President had a breakfast meeting with Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende of the Netherlands.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Margraten, the Netherlands. Upon arrival, they went to the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, where they participated in a greeting with Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands.

Later in the morning, at the Cemetery's Visitor Center, the President and Mrs. Bush signed the guest book. He and Queen Beatrix then participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Moscow, Russia.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a dinner hosted by President Vladimir Putin of Russia and his wife, Lyudmila Putin, at Novo Ogarevo, the Putins' residence in Moscow.

May 9

In the morning, at the Marriott Grand Hotel in Moscow, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then participated in a coffee with civil society leaders.